

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/937,224 filed September 24, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Page 3, last paragraph.**

In the second and third aspects it is preferred, though not essential for the polymer matrix to have a dry thickness of at least 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ . Furthermore it is preferred but not essential for the polymer matrix to be water swellable. We have found that anionic actives such as nucleic acid and proteins, especially those having molecular weights above 1KD, primarily become adsorbed at the surface of a polymer having cationic groups and zwitterionic groups, with little being absorbed into the body of the polymer. For this reason the swellability and the thickness are of lesser importance than in the first aspect.